

WASHINGTON DC - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39) released the following statement today in recognition of Black History Month which is observed throughout the month of February.

"The recent passing of Coretta Scott King serves as a strong reminder that the struggle for equality throughout the world is still very much alive. As we celebrate Black History Month, Coretta Scott King and others like Rosa Parks will be on our minds and in our hearts.

"Their struggle, however, must be remembered for more than just one month out of the year - and a great way to honor their contributions to equality and liberty is to renew the Voting Rights Act this year. I join the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as all Americans, in celebrating Black History Month and maintaining my commitment to equality and justice for all Americans.

"Voting is the one way that all Americans can directly participate in our democracy. I cannot think of any greater acknowledgement of Black History Month and the legacies of Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King, than renewing this act intended to preserve equal participation for all Americans."

A member of the House Judiciary Committee and Vice Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Civil Rights Task Force, Congresswoman Sánchez has been a vocal advocate for strengthening the Voting Rights Act (VRA). She has worked closely with Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Black Caucus and Asian Pacific American Caucus to ensure the VRA is not only reauthorized but strengthened.